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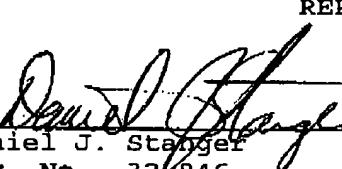
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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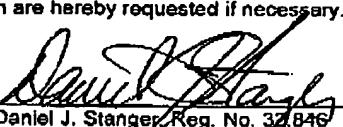
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In Reply to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2006,  
the Applicant requests reconsideration as follows.